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*'From Now On, Any Definition Of A Successful Life Must Include Serving Others.'----George Bush*

## 2013-2014 NCNA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

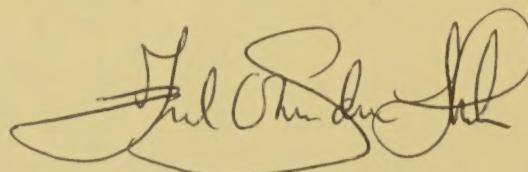
As we begin this new year, we also have new Officers for the Northern California Numismatic Association Board of Directors. On behalf of the Board, let me begin by most sincerely thanking our Past President, Harry Davis, for his many years of service in our Association. Harry has the singular distinction of being the longest serving President of the N.C.N.A. 2005-2012! This particularly requires recognition as our Association has had great difficulty in attracting members to serve as Officers in the past few decades. It is also appropriate at this time, to recognize Harry's long time "very special assistant", Irene Carrillo, for all her assistance and hard work for so many years. The N.C.N.A. has benefitted from them, and their hard work. We again recognize and applaud all their efforts on behalf of our Association.

The new N.C.N.A. Board has begun their duties and is in now the process of some new initiatives to benefit both members and the numismatic community in general. Retroactively, we will be issuing a 2011 dated silver medal to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Northern California Numismatic Association. The die has been prepared and the medal will feature a view of San Francisco from Treasure Island and the traditional "Gold Miner" on the reverse. It has been the tradition to issue a medal every 5 years. We hope to include an order form for this medal with this mailing.

The N.C.N.A. Board has also established the "Gordon Russell Donnell Award". This award will consist of a bronze medal with an image of Gordon and a blank reverse suitable for engraving the award recipient name. The design and die for this medal has also been prepared and the medals will be ordered soon. This award will be somewhat unique for the N.C.N.A., as it will be offered to N.C.N.A. member Coin Clubs (Max. 2 per year), to recognize their Club members who hopefully share the enthusiasm, ideals and numismatic spirit as exemplified by Gordon Donnell. For the first inaugural year, the Board has decided to supply requested medals at no charge. Thereafter, likely a charge based on our costs, but this is still under consideration. Please read the specifics and details in this issue of N.C.N.A. Heads and Tails.

The N.C.N.A. has also scheduled their Coin Show for November 24, 2013 in Vallejo. It will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan).

As your new N.C.N.A. President, I am looking forward to serving the membership. I encourage you to contact me with questions or ideas, which you feel are appropriate. The best contact method is e mail: [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com), you may also send letters to: Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484



Fred G. van den Haak  
January 2013

## THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

Greetings!

In one of the closing scenes of the immortal and monument 1939 classic, 'The Wizard of Oz', the Wizard, the 'great Oz himself' reminded the Tin Man that '*A Heart Is Not Judged By How Much You Love. But, By How Much You Are Loved By Others.*'

In his final weeks at the Hospice in the Martinez, California Department of Veteran Affairs, I would converse with the late Gordon R. Donnell, during my daily visits, and he would reminisce and request some chore plus direct some specific upon his death. Gordon's final wishes were simple: to be cremated, his ashes sent to his only real love, in his beloved 'Philly', and his last pack of cigarettes burned with him. Nothing Much and Nothing More.

As the days progressed, I broached the subject of how Gordon should be remembered. His reaction was indifferent, and equally, quite simple and direct, "I'm dead." But, I reminded Gordon that he was respected, liked, and had associates in our 'world of money' hobby, and, more importantly, he had served, contributed, and done something, in ways much than many others. He Accepted That.

In the last weeks, he and I exchanged some thoughts, and I joked with him about *his* paying for his memorial service, and Gordon was supposedly once a Baptist. His Retort Was 'I'm Dead'.

But, one day, after we had conversed, he seemed pleased and noted that maybe, just maybe, his true family and his real friends, contrary to all those he once knew in Detroit, 'Philly', Los Angeles, Portland, and his beloved St Louis, was his 'world of money' family and friends. It Was Our Hobby.

It was then I shared, somewhat incorrectly, the above quote, and it was then that the concept of the '*Donnell Award*' was conceived.

It has been over two years, but 'how much a heart is loved' is not measured by the delay of time. Now, in the manner as Gordon served, contributed, and done for our hobby and for our Association, his name shall endure for years, nay, decades, as a fitting tribute to those who likewise give, enhance, and make our 'world of money' succeed. There is now the '*Donnell Award*'.

In the end this '*Donnell Award*' is and should be not about Gordon, for as he often said in his last weeks, "I'm Dead". No, it is about recognition, respect, regard, and reward.

Finally, the ancient Chinese poet Lao-Tze, once wrote "Kindness In Words Creates Confidence. Kindness In Thinking Creates Profundity." But, "*But, Kindness In Giving Creates Love.*"

Ending, that is what Gordon in his numismatic adventures and avocations did, he created the love that those about him shared, and now, this love shall continue.

***Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good!***



## GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

### 2012 Election Results

While there were no contested positions, over half the membership voted and mailed their respective ballots, and the results were:

**FRED G. van den HAAK, President**  
**JON-MARIA MARISH, First Vice-President**  
**LLOYD G. CHAN, Second Vice-President**  
**DONALD L. HILL, Secretary, and**  
**MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Treasurer**

### Board of Directors Actions

As these aforementioned Executive Officers became effective October 1, 2012, new President FRED G. van den HAAK quickly called a Board of Directors Meeting, and the Board responded with several actions, some of which have been pending for months. *First*, the stipend/honorarium due the 2011 Nor-Cal Show host coin club was, at last, authorized. *Second*, funding for the September 2013 Northern California Educational Symposium of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) was approved. *Third*, a date for a one-day NCNA Coin Show accepted. *Fourth*, the 'Donnell Award', along with a commemorative medal for the Association's overlooked Golden Jubilee was directed.

### 2013 NCNA Show

Pending additional preparations and initial publicity, here are the specifics for the Association's 2013 NCNA Show:

#### NCNA November Show

**Sunday, November 24, 2013, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building**

**420 Admiral Callaghan, off Tennessee, Vallejo, California**

**Free Admission and Parking**

**Bourse:** Fred G. van den Haak, 650-493-8275, [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com)

**Info:** Michael S. Turrini, 707-246-6327, [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com)

**Updates:** [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com)

The next two NCNA HEADS AND TALES issues, May and September 2013, should have information and specifics, as to any happenings. Bourse Applications will be ready by March 2013, and an appeal is made to NCNA Individual Members to assist with and during the 'NCNA November Show' with setup, at the Registration Table, and Floor Patrol, being present and walking about. *Sidebar*: The Building, as part of the rental agreement, includes table setup plus all the chairs and tables and take-down.

Also, due to available space, fellow coin hobbyist groups are invited to meet or have informative tables during this Show. The California Exonumist Society (CES) has already expressed an interest with an informal gathering.

A one-day only show was decided, since it has been over a year since our Association had a show and, also, to curtail costs.

## Donnell Award

The Board authorized and instituted a new award by and from our Association, the '**Gordon R. Donnell Memorial Meritorious Award**' or, for short, the '**Donnell Award**'. Named for the late and much remembered Gordon R. Donnell (1935—2010), this Award reflects the esteem and respect that the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) holds the late Gordon and it joins the esteemed and coveted '*Ronald Miller Memorial Award*', the '*Miller Medal*', as a means our Association can recognize and honor those who serve and toil for our hobby here in and around northern California.

The '*Donnell Award*' is a uniface bronze or like composition medallion with the portrait of the late Gordon R. Donnell on one side, obverse, with the reverse reserved for engraving.

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is the two page Policy governing this new Award. In summary, this Award is given by local coin clubs, which are bona fide and current dues paid Club Members of Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). There is a limit of two (2) per calendar year per Club Member. While NCNA retains control and "to review and to refuse selections", the actual decision and submission is from and by Club Members (coin clubs).

With this initial year, the new Board of Directors has chosen to provide this Award *in gratis*. Future years, a nominal reimbursement charge, for engraving and handling, may be imposed. But, for 2013, Club Members may request, adhering to the Policy, a maximum of two *free*.

As the '*Donnell Award*' is being created as this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the following procedure is being implemented:

*One*, Requests, again adhering to the included Policy (Please Read!), shall be accepted via conventional mail or electronic mail *for the first six months of 2013 through/by March 31<sup>st</sup>*.

*Two*, Requests shall be compiled into one submission to the engraver, and *delivery would be in late June 2013, depending upon the engraver and number of requests*.

*Three*, Requests must be written, conventionally or electronically, and must be complete. *Please Read Policy. Also, as with all honors and awards, please provide FULL and CORRECTLY SPELLED NAMES!*

Mail to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-3337**' or send to [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com), in a Word Document.

President Fred G. van den Haak has appointed Michael S. Turrini as the Awards Coordinator, responsible for this new '*Donnell Award*'.

Finally, this '*Donnell Award*' does **not** substitute or supersede the established '*Miller Medal*', and this notice constitutes also the official initial call for nominations for *that* Medal. Written nominations for the 2013 '*Miller Medal*' need to be mailed directly to Fred G. van den Haak at '**PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484**'. The deadline, which is strictly enforced, is **June 30, 2013**.

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is the latest roster of the '*Miller Medal*'. As stated in the Charter governing the '*Miller Medal*', no one can receive this Medal more than once.

## BRANCH MINT REPORTS: NCNA Club Happenings

### Welcome To 'The Branch Mint Reports'!

Again, this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue summarizes the activities and events of the local coin clubs around northern California. As the decades have progressed and each NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue always including these Branch Mint Reports, it is, candidly, becoming difficult to give recognition and to report, for several newsletters/bulletins are very thin, the use of initials and no surnames, the failure to conventionally mail complimentary newsletters/bulletins, and the like. All these combine to curtail or even cancel any coverage. If a local coin club is not included, then it failed to mail any recent newsletters/bulletins.

### Editorial Comment:

One of the enduring and imperative service provided by NCNA HEADS AND TALES, since April 1981, has been these Branch Mint Reports, which insure something for the historical and archival record of the local 'world of money' avocation around northern California. In the end, this might be the only real worth of and by NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

**Reminder:** Local coin clubs, please mail complimentary copies of respective newsletters/bulletins and News Releases directly to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**'.

**Note:** Newsletter/bulletins have **not** been received from the ALAMEDA COIN CLUB and LIVERMORE VALLEY CLUB. While Your Editor's copy/issue as a member has been received, a separate additional copy/issue is needed for this NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Also, if a local club reported below is **not** a current Club Member and pays, or has paid, its 2013 Club Dues, further coverage in future NCNA HEADS AND TALES shall be terminated.

### CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY

Reports in its upcoming January 2013 quarterly MEDALLION that it has an intended informal gathering on **Saturday, January 26, 2013** during the San Jose Coin Club's Forty-Fifth (45<sup>th</sup>) Annual Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show. The time is tentatively scheduled for 11:00 AM in the San Jose Room of the Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, in downtown San Jose, California. There is a nominal admission of \$3.00 to the Show. Information about this Show may be learned at [www.sanjosecoinclub.org](http://www.sanjosecoinclub.org). The CES meeting would be informal and chance for fellow exonumists to meet and to mingle. There is intended another 'Fundraising Auction', which always generate 'funds and fun'. Information about the CES can be contacted at '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**' or [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com).

Editor, MEDALLION, MICHAEL S. TURRINI

### CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

Held its Twenty-Eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) Annual Awards Banquet again at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant, and Your Editor attended, arriving from another nice afternoon 'at the beach'. Some thirty-two (32) members were present. Among the presentation, Your Editor in behalf of new Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) President FRED G. van den HAAK bestowed a 'President's Medal' upon 'King' LYLE OKAMOTO. In addition, he "also bestowed upon His Royal Countenance, King Lyle I, a humble sack of recyclable plastic bottles while groveling most respectfully with hands upturned, raised toward His Grace. His Royal Eminence was pleased." 'King' LYLE, while no longer enthroned at Kingdom of Cupertino, did coordinate the Awards Banquet's traditional guessing games; he "announced the winners of our Candy and Coin Jar Guessing Games. Candy Jar: MICHAEL S. TURRINI guessed two hundred thirty-five (235) pieces against an actual two hundred thirty-two (232) pieces. Coin Jar: HOWARD WHEELER guessed \$15.15 against an actual \$15.08." CCC President FRED DAVIS recognized the volunteers and supporters to and in the Club for the past year with small tokens of appreciation, and the Banquet ended with him calling the traditional Bingo.

Editor, COIN PRESS, ALLISON PAKER

**DELTA COIN CLUB** Held its annual election, and the Club's new Executive Officers are: ED HOHE, *President*, JOHN LOPEZ, *Vice-President*, JOYCE KOROCK, *Recording Secretary*, TED GARBER, *Corresponding Secretary*, TONY RANTZ, *Treasurer*, with JOEL DELCAMPO, *Drawing Coordinator* and LOIS ENZMINGER, *Social Coordinator*. Note: This is a significant change in the Officers for this Club, with two or three 'long-timers' ending their respective service. Earlier, at the Club's September 21, 2012 the Annual Club Benefit Auction was held: "an Auction of over seventy-five items that netted over \$800.00 for the Club's Treasury. This was a fun and enjoyable event with the bidding moving fast with the members out-bidding each other. CLIFF RICE and KEVIN V. MALOY doing parts of the Auctioneering . . . AMIR SMITH and WILLIAM VIOLETT" were the Runners. The 'top sellers' in the Club's Show Drawing were, in order, HAROLD HARRISON, TONY RANTZ, LYNN GIAUDRONE, CLIFF RICE, an RUBEN SMITH, and between these five, they sold over one thousand seven hundred sixty (1760) tickets. Wow! The Club would begin 2013 with its Annual Dinner on Friday, January 11, 2013, again at Stockton, California's well-known UJs Restaurant. Your Editor has been again requested to be the Banquet's Master of Ceremonies.

Editor, NEWSLETTER, SYDNEY M. KASS and THEODORE GARBER

**DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** Held is Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at the upscale and trendy Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill, California. Over one hundred crowded the main dining room and enjoyed a nice evening with fine dining. There was no particular program, and the time was given to meeting and mingling. The Society elected its 2013 Officers: JAMES H. LAIRD, *President*, LARRY K. CASAGRANDE, *Vice-President*, BRADFORD H. LEE, *Secretary*, and KYLE ANDERSON, *Treasurer*, with *Directors*, WILLIAM HICKMAN, MARK CLARKSON, and STEVIE MCCLURE. The November 15, 2012 meeting was a 'Coin Grading Class' coordinated by BRUCE BERMAN, which involved "testing with twelve coins" and comparisons shared.

Editor, DIALBO DIE BREAK, STEVIE MCCLURE

**FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM** The October 24, 2012 FCC meeting was 'Bingo Night' for silver Kennedy Halves, and Your Editor called the games. At the September 26, 2012 meeting, 'GENE' BERRY presented short review on 'gold-panning'. At the recent Joint Christmas Party of the FCC and its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) Vice-President bestowed from ANA President TOM HALLENBECK a 'President's Award', the ANA's fourth highest honor, onto DR. JON-MARIA MARSIH, who is the Club's Secretary. At the same Party, retiring FCC President ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR. was honored for his years of service and devotion to the Club. FCC Treasurer KEVIN M. QUENGA, SR., was honored with this year's coveted 'Joint Plaque'. CHARLENE PING, attending the aforementioned Party, claimed \$215.00 in the 50/50 Drawing. Wow! The Master of Ceremonies for this year's event was the new ANA Executive Director JEFF SHEVLIN, who attended with wife, CECILIA.

Editor, FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM, JON-MARIA MARISH

**FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** As usual, FRESNO NUMISMATIST Editor RANDY CLIFTON expounds some wise words of wisdom, from the recent December 2012 issue: ". . . I think that there is a universal spirit of giving in this month [December] that is shared and projected by most people, possibly even by those who do not believe in any Higher Power at all. But those who are caught by the spirit of giving, are sure to be confronted by the always Holiday indecisiveness of just what to get for a particular hard-to-buy-for person. So, why not the gift of numismatics. If that person is a numismatic fanatic, then it would be easy to decide a gift as there is most any coin that they would enjoy. Also you could get them a subscription to their favorite publication, COIN WORLD or NUMISMATIC NEWS or, for example, a new RED BOOK. For the non-numismatist person, you can still stay with a numismatic theme. Silver Eagles make excellent gifts or event stocking stuffers . . . in keeping with the silver theme, those one ounce silver art bars or rounds commemorating the Holiday make another cool gift . . . Numismatic presents can be a fitting gift for people of all interests . . . these could be gifts that have the

date years that commemorate the year of the gift, the year of a birth or some other anniversary." Needless to say, RANDY does have some good points, and he often expresses these in the monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST. It was announced at the Society's November 13, 2012, that RUTH M. PHILLIPS is retiring as the Society's Show Coordinator, having held the position since 1996: "All her efforts and dedication has always been and will continue to be greatly appreciated."

Editor, FRESNO NUMISMATIST, RANDY CLIFTON

#### **FREMONT COIN CLUB**

*Sad News:* The FCC lost long time member HAZEL GELLIE recently, and who was remembered, along with her late husband, JACQUE, "for their wonderful British wit, interesting stories, and devotion to the Club" before health and age took over. It was noted that "HAZEL will be also remembered as a survivor of the 'Blitz' in London during WWII." Going back to the FCC's October 9, 2012 meeting, noted and nationally recognized numismatic scholars and authors, RICHARD KELLY and NANCY OLIVER did a presentation titled '*Do Not Put Money In Your Mouth*': they "revealed just how dirty our coins and currency can get. Cultures grown from multiple samples, some coins over a hundred years old, were identified as: decaying meat and fish, lockjaw, coli communaries, from horse droppings, typhoid fever, stomach bacteria, tobacco, cheese hold, and diphtheria. Scientists recommend soaking coins in boiling water for five minutes to ensure that the contaminants do not spread to humans. The simplest way to protect oneself is to wash hands after handling coins. Many instances have been recorded of people and animals ingesting coins, with some dire results." The following October 23, 2012 meeting was the FCC's Forty-First (41<sup>st</sup>) Anniversary, and "there were short discussions about how the Fremont Coin Club was like in the early 1970s and how the Club was formed back in 1971; AARON HOUSTON, BRUCE CAIRES, and ROGER LYLES all contributed memories of how they got involved in the Club way back when."

Editor, THE DOUBLE EAGLE, AARON HOUSTON

#### **GATEWAY COIN CLUB**

Has been mailing an apparent quarterly newsletter, and the Club has a new meeting venue: '*Bear Creek Community Church, 171 East Olive, corner of East Olive and Parsons Avenue, in Merced, California.*' The Club continues to meet semimonthly on the First and Third Thursdays, 7:15PM. The Club continued its annual medal issues, with the 2012 issue being Merced College, commemorating its Fiftieth (50<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary. The longtime Medals Coordinator is COREY PLAGENZA, who "is one of a small group of members who have over the years devoted themselves to the Club . . . He deserves major recognition for taking care of all the details that arise while getting the drawing of a prospective medal to ultimately morph into the array of Club medals that Gateway members have been enjoying for the past twenty-four years."

Editor, COINNECTIONS, unrecorded/undocumented

#### **LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

Wants its generous 'Society Sponsors' to be recognized, and they are 'CAMINO COINS'--PHIL VOGT, GENE C. HOY, WILL's COLLECTIBLES, ROBERT PIPER, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI. Going back to October 17, 2012 meeting, President BILL HURJA arranged and showed the American Numismatic Association (ANA) DVID '*Standing Liberty Quarter*' as presented back in 1005 by Dr. JOHN YANCHO during the San Francisco, California American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'World's Fair of Money'. The LNS ended 2012 with its Annual Holiday Party on December 19, 2012, which included fundraising Silent Auction and many prizes.

Editor, NEWSLETTER, WILLIAM HURJA

#### **PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

As usual, always has a succession of exemplary presenters: November 28, 2012, '*Sheep Shearing In The Southwest and Its Numismatic Connection*', FEDERICO CASTILLO, October 24, 2012, '*Coins, Tokens, and Medals Of The Panama-Pacific International Exposition*', MICHAEL J. WEHNER, September 26, 2012, '*Toivo Johnson's Bad Idea*', DANIEL HIPPLE, and August 22, 2012, '*The War of 1812*', DONALD H. KAGIN. Back on September 26, 2012, STEPHEN M. HUSTON visited respected longtime PCNS Member and noted

numismatist and hobbyist, FRANK STRAZZARINO, honoring him at the occasion of his Fifty Years of PCNS Membership. Referring to the 'Toivo Johnson' presentation by noted numismatic scholar, DAN HIPPLE, DAN learned that "Toivo Johnson was a Maine coin dealer specializing in United States Commemoratives . . . he issued a set of medals honoring coin designers in 1962 and 1963 . . . Six different medals were struck, but did not sell well." What was interesting in DAN's research, he acquired a store/advertising card issued by another surnamed 'Johnson': "DAN decided to call the phone number on the thirty-plus (30+) year old token and found Toivo's son on the other end." *Wow!*

Editor, *untitled*, HERBERT MILES

#### **PENINSULA COIN CLUB**

Your Editor, after nearly four years absence, attended the recent PCC's December 10, 2012 meeting, which doubles as the Club's holiday get-together. A 'Super Mega Raffle' with over \$1000.00 in prizes was held, and the Club took in over \$900.00 in ticket sales, with FRED G. van den HAAK, the Club's Treasurer, the main winner. There was the Club's usual and always well-received Show 'n Tells, including a heat shield piece from the Space Shuttle, 'Discover' and a few high graded toned Morgan Silver Dollars along with a Joe Mora designed Depression Script from Carmel, California as the 'Shows'. *Wow!*

Editor, *untitled*, BRUCE GREENBLATT

#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB**

Some Tidbits From The RECC: The October 12, 2012 meeting was the Club's 'Annual Helen and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction' plus Dessert Night: "What A Generous Club! We had our Annual Helen and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction in October in lieu of the regular auction. Sixty-Two (62) exciting items were donated by Club Members, generating over \$500.00 to the Club! Many thanks for those who donated as well as purchased lots." The following November 14, 2012 meeting was the Club's famous Thanksgiving Meeting: "there were at least one hundred eighty-three attendees, and we had just enough turkey for everybody. Thanks to all who brought side dishes and desserts, there was plenty of food for all. Thanks to LEE H. GONG and his Gang at G&G Market for the turkey, potatoes, stuffing, and gravy." The RECC announces that '*February 15 and 15, 2013 are the dates for its Forty-Fifth (45<sup>th</sup>) Annual Coin Show, again a Friday and Saturday schedule*'. The Show returns to Sonoma County's Fairgrounds, in Finley Hall. Information about the Show may be learned at [www.redwoodempirecoinclub.com](http://www.redwoodempirecoinclub.com). MERLE V. AVILA continues as the Show Coordinator and Bourse Coordinator. JACK FREE was noted for his generous donation of current RED BOOKS to all Juniors attending the November 14, 2012 meeting.

Editor, *untitled*, DR. CHARLES CATLETT

#### **RENO COIN CLUB**

Heard DONG LARSON on 'Inaugural Medals' at its November 6, 2012 meeting. October 2, 2012 meeting's theme was "United States Medals", "but only GLENN FRUEHEN and DAVID ELLIOTT brought medals, both bringing he Firs Wives bronze medals." The RCC continues to meet on the '*First Tuesdays, at Carrow's Restaurant, 605 North Wells, corner of Wells and Sixth, in Reno, Nevada.*' Recently, KEN HOPPLE and DAVE ELLIOTT discussed the Nevada State Museum and its Coin Show, which is the site of the famous Carson City Mint. They noted that a new issued silver and bronze medal was being minted for the submarine USS NEVADA, as presentations to the offices and sailors who serve on the submarine.

Editor, RENO CARTWHEEL, DAVID ELLIOTT

#### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB**

Writes that its new Officers are: CRAIG FOLKES, President, PAUL LUCAS, Vice-President, GLENN STUTOR, Recording Secretary, KYLY LOY, Corresponding Secretary, and RICH JOHNSTON, Treasurer. There new Executive Officers will be installed on January 23, 2013 during the Club's Annual Installation Dinner at Lake Natoma Inn, in Folsom, California. Recent SVCC programs included JERRY CARSMAN, October 24, 2012, gave "a

little background on his collecting history, starting in 1951, and based on his knowledge, he provided the membership with a list of items to keep long term and gave a brief discussion on those items.”  
Editor, THE SVCC NEWSLETTER, unrecorded/undocumented

**SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB** Reports that while ‘small’ it is ‘steady’. MICHAEL S. TURRINI triples in several positions ‘to hold firm the helm’, and the Club continues to gather on the ‘*Fourth Fridays at Tennessee Grill, Dinner Room, Main Floor, 1128 Taraval Avenue, between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenues, in the Sunset District of San Francisco, California.*’ Assisting as monthly meeting ‘on site meeting coordinators’ are JIM O’DEA and JACK G. TRAD.  
Editor, TWO CENTS WORTH, LYLE OKAMOTO

**SAN JOSE COIN CLUB** A Couple of Kudos: *First*, to RYAN N. JOHNSON, who again coordinates the Annual Appeal for Second Harvest Food Bank. RYAN has done this for several years going back when he was much younger than 22! *Second*, for the Club’s Taco Night Crew, October 9, 2012: ALLISON PAKER, STEVE KOOIJ, DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL, BRIITA ELHERS, and KEITH SCOTT. *Third*, for those who generously brought side dishes: ‘CHUCK’ and DOROTHY CALL, DON PANNELL, ANGIE WENDERLING, BRIITA EHLERS, HAROLD WORON, LARRY BENSON, JOHN MIGUELGORRY, WALLY LOBEL, and SUSAN EVENSON. Recent SJCC programs have been: GORDON STUBBS, ‘*Coins and Magic*’, November 14, 2012, and ALLISON PAKER, ‘*An Elongated Hobby*’, September 12, 2012. Speaking of GORDON’s presentation, he “changed Halves into Quarters and Cents into Dimes. He talked about the famous Scotch and Soda illusion as well as several illusions with coins. He had examples of many illusions including paper flash bills which will disappear completely in a ball of flame. GORDON talked about the different companies which make the coin illusion products with special milling machines. GORDON’s talk was both fun and fascinating.” As for ALLISON, she “spoke on the hobby of collecting elongated coins. She covered many details about the different types of designs, as well as tips regarding how and where to collect these interesting coins.” Looking ahead, the Club’s **Forty-Fifth (45<sup>th</sup>) Annual Coin and Collectibles Show** is this *January 25, 26, and 27, 2013 returning to the Bayshore Ballroom, DoubleTree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, in San Jose, California.*’

*Courtesy Notice:* The Board of Directors for the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) shall gather at 8:00 PM, in the lower level San Jose Room, on Saturday, January 26, 2013. As the incoming CSNA President, Your Editor requests all CSNA Executive Officers and Directors to be present. The meeting will be followed by an informal gathering of the California Exonumist Society.  
Editor, TODO DINERO, ALLISON PAKER

**SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB** Looking ahead, the SSRC intends to commemorate and do some celebration for its impending Thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary, this June 2013. The only remaining Charter Members are MARIE WILLIAMS and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, with the latter now Historian for the Club. An appeal is made to and for all former SSRC Members to contact the Club at [fccjoni@yahoo.com](mailto:fccjoni@yahoo.com). The Club ended 2012 with a Christmas Party at Denny’s in Cordelia, California.  
Editor, SILVER NOTES, JON-MARIA MARISH

**STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB** SCCC President AARON BROWN always has something profound to offer in the Club’s GOLD STRIKE: “I finally attributed a small, ragged bronze coin that I had purchased at our Club’s show. It was an intriguing piece with a left-facing portrait of a young man on the obverse, and a set of clearly Roman military standards on the reverse . . . knowing that the dealer I purchased it from gets most of his coins from Spain, I began scouring the Internet for bronze coins of Augustus struck in Spain. Try as I might, I could not find an exact match to my piece. Frustration began to set in . . . Then, I expanded my search to include coins from Spanish mints in the same general period, regardless of who appeared on the coin. Eureka! Under the Spanish mint in Italica, I found the exact design not for Augustus, but for his great-nephew, Germanicus Caesar. Despite being the most

successful general of his age, Germanicus never became Emperor due to an untimely death under mysterious circumstances in 19AD . . . So while the little lump of bronze did not turn out to be a coin of Augustus, I now had a piece of a lesser-known figure in ancient Roman history.” AARON tends ends with this admonishment to the SCCC Members: So what coins have made you say ‘Eureka’? Why not Show and Tell us next meeting.” Good Point, AARON.

Editor, GOLD STRIKE, DANIEL BROWN

**VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** Has Again Been Active: *First*, it elected new Executive Officers: EDWIN T. HOFFMARK, JR., *President*, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, *Vice-President*, JON-MARIA MARISH, *Secretary*, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, *Treasurer*. *Second*, the Society held its Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) Annual Maxine M. Hopperstad White Elephant Auction at its December 5, 2012 meeting, and a respectful \$442.00 was earned from the one hundred forty (140) donated lots. Lousy and rainy weather curtailed the attendance and several regular bidders. The Auction Team included SAMANTHA BERRY, JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR., MICHAEL M. STANLEY, MICHAEL P. BUTLER, KATHY *nee Nancy* WALSH, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, the latter calling all one hundred forty (140) lots. *Third*, the VNS joined its neighbor, the Fairfield Coin Club, at their Twenty-Sixth (16<sup>th</sup>) Annual Joint Christmas Party this past December 8, 2012, this year located at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum in Vallejo, California. The change in date and venue did not affect attendance, as over one hundred eighty were present. Among the dignitaries were DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) Vice-President, who honored the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) on the occasion of its Fifty Years of ANA Membership, and JEFF SHEVLIN, who is the ANA’s new Executive Director, and who was this year Party’s Master of Ceremonies. *Fourth*, several VNS members were recognized at this Party: ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR., was honored by both the Vallejo Numismatic Society and Fairfield Coin Club, HARRY W. DAVIS was bestowed Life Membership in the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), IRENE CARRILLO received a California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) ‘President’s Medal’, and the coveted ‘Joint Plaque’ was bestowed upon KEVIN M. QUENGA, SR. Looking ahead, the two groups have scheduled Saturday, December 7, 2013 for their Twenty-Seventh (27<sup>th</sup>) Annual Joint Christmas Party, most likely returning to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum.

Editor, THE BULLETIN, MICHAEL S. TURRINI

**WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB** While it is not presently meeting still remains active, issuing its quarterly and informative WEST WOOD. The Club cancelled its Annual Gold Drawing. Membership is open to any ‘lignadenartist’. Now, look up that word in Webster’s or on the Internet! The Website, ‘Coin Mine’, defines it as a ‘wooden nickel and token collector’. Supposedly, the Website for the Virginia Numismatic Association (VNA) has a listing of unusual numismatic terms; but, Your Editor was unable to open or access that part/link. Anyway, It Is ‘Your Word For The Day’! Wow!

Editor, WEST WOOD, MICHAEL S. TURRINI

# RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

## "The Miller Medal"

## Northern California Numismatic Association

Revised To December 2012

**'Gordon R. Donnell Memorial Meritorious Award'**  
**'DONNELL AWARD'**  
*Instituted October 14, 2012-----Commenced January 2013*

**--Rationale--**

*Whereas* Gordon R. Donnell (1935-2010) demonstrated for nearly two decades intense devotion to our hobby and its local coin clubs within northern California and across our entire nation,  
*Whereas* he earned many rightful honors during his lifetime,  
*Whereas* he was legendary in his dedication to local coin clubs,  
*Whereas* he became a model of service and support to local coin clubs, as well as a mentor, *and*  
*Whereas* the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) has a responsibility to remember and to recognize devotion and dedication displayed and demonstrated by coin hobbyists,  
*Therefore*, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) ('Association') hereby establishes and endows a perpetual award titled in proper name, '***The Gordon R. Donnell Memorial Meritorious Award***', and in short, the '***Donnell Award***'.

**--Award--**

The '***Donnell Award***' shall be a bronze or like medallion, with the obverse having the portrait of the late Gordon R. Donnell with his name and his years and the reverse side blank for engraving.

The reverse shall be engraved with the full name, as space allows, of the honoree, the date, which may be shorten into numerical annotation, the presenting NCNA Club Member, and in large or bold letters across the top, '***Donnell Award***'.

The '***Donnell Award***' shall be perpetual and promoted by the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), while the selection and presentation of honorees as govern by this Policy remain and be the prerogative of the local coin clubs that are NCNA Club Members.

**--Criteria--**

Each NCNA Club Member, defined as a local coin club having paid current annual dues with NCNA, may request up to two (2) '***Donnell Awards***' within each calendar year to be bestowed upon their respective current individual members, at the time and preference of the requesting Club.

The criteria shall be local coin club members who have consistently and conscientiously supported, served, and sustained a local coin club, in various capacities and positions over several years. The actual judgment shall rest with the respective NCNA Club Member, with Association reserving the right to review and to refuse selections, as adhering to these qualifications.

There shall be no obligation upon any NCNA Club Member to request and to bestow '***Donnell Awards***' nor could the Association compel NCNA Club Members to select and to bestow '***Donnell Awards***'. The decision and choice shall be prerogative and responsibility of and by the respective local coin clubs that are NCNA Club Members.

**--Procedure--**

Periodically, via NCNA HEADS AND TALES, the Association's Website, and any special mailings, NCNA would announce and invite requests from NCNA Club Members for '***Donnell Awards***'.

A bona fide NCNA Club Member would submit its written request, via conventional mail or electronic mail, and the written request would identify and name properly the intended recipients, summarize their confirmed qualifications, give the date of the intended presentation, the name of the NCNA Club Member, and the responsible individual(s) receiving the Award for the NCNA Club Member. To facilitate these written submissions, NCNA might provide an appropriate Submission Form and deadlines.

Upon receipt of these written and complete requests followed by a review, the Awards Coordinator, or whoever is designated, would mail/send/deliver to the NCNA Club Member the appropriately engraved and prepared medallion(s).

The NCNA Club Member would be responsible any special holder/display or any citation/certificate.

Due to convenience in engraving and preparing, the Association may consolidate and expedite multiple requests at one time.

#### --Provisions--

The '*Donnell Award*' shall be perpetual, and NCNA shall endeavor to support and to sustain this Award.

Any disputes and questions as to the qualifications for this Award and issues that shall rise shall be subject to the decision, which is final, of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and its Board of Directors.

The responsibility for this Award shall be assigned to the Association's Awards Coordinator or whoever is designated by the Board of Directors.

The maximum '*Donnell Awards*' that may be requested and presented by a NCNA Club Member shall be two (2) per calendar year per Club Member, with no 'carry-over' allowed. Requests may be received for an upcoming year; however, the maximum number per NCNA Club Member cannot be altered or augmented due to the timing of the request.

Regardless of the number of potential NCNA Club Members, there shall be no restriction as to the total number of Awards per calendar year; however, the Association would have the prerogative to regulate and to restrict NCNA Club Members to only one (1) per calendar year, if need warrant.

No NCNA Club Member may request or bestow more than one '*Donnell Award*' onto the same individual; however, an individual could be bestowed more than one '*Donnell Award*' by and from another NCNA Club Member.

For both archival reference and promotion plus to insure the provisions for this Award are complied, the Association, via the Awards Coordinator or whoever is designated, shall record and roster the honorees.

The '*Donnell Award*' shall not be misconstrued with any medallions minted and issued separately as memorial medals, which shall have as the obverse the gold paner logo of NCNA. Those medallions may be offered for sale and minted in various compositions.

This Policy, as adopted and amended, is declared and interpreted as a Standing Rule of the Association, and the Association's Bylaws shall govern.

# COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com)

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismati8c Association is: [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com)

- Jan. 25-7, 2013 **SAN JOSE**. San Jose 45th Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Double Tree Hotel, Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 95110. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416, Phone: 408-598-7772 [sanjosecoins@aol.com](mailto:sanjosecoins@aol.com). Website: [www.sanjosecoinclub.org](http://www.sanjosecoinclub.org) **Admission \$3/\$1 off with any advertising.**
- Feb. 15-16  
2013 **SANTA ROSA**. Redwood Empire Coin Club 45th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. **Admission \$1, under 12 free.**
- Feb. 17, 2013 **SAN JOSE**. "Cupertino" Coin Club 41st Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: \$2 adults**, youth 17 and under free.
- Mar. 10, 2013 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club 50th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.
- April 6-7, 2013 **SACRAMENTO**. "2013" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Clarion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner, P.O. Box 194271, San Francisco, Ca., 94119-4271 Phone: (415) 928-4469; e mail: [mf\\_wehner@yahoo.com](mailto:mf_wehner@yahoo.com) website: <http://www.exonumia.homestead.com>
- May 5, 2013 **VALLEJO**. Vallejo Numismatic Society 41st Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-980-8254. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com).

- June 23-3, 2013 **MODESTO**. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Annual Coin and Collectibles Show, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (at 10<sup>th</sup> and K Streets), Modesto. Bourse: Brandilyn Gilmer, P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, Ca 95393-1672. Phone: (209) 492-9028.
- July 27-8, 2013 **FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 41st Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- Aug. 11, 2013 **FAIRFIELD**. Fairfield Coin Club 24th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission \$1** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 644-6232, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
- Sept. 22, 2013 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club Third Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.
- Sept.28, 2013 **VALLEJO**. C.S.N.A. The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California Educational Symposium, hosted by the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been scheduled. Theme: 'Coin Designers + Coins=Coin Collectors'. Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "free" event and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available.
- Nov. 3, 2013 **SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 34th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 493-8275 E Mail: [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com)
- Nov. 24, 2013 **VALLEJO**. N.C.N.A. November Show, Northern California Numismatic Association (N.C.N.A.), Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan). Free Parking. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 493-8275 E Mail: [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com) Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca.94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com).